

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action in the present application. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 17-19, 23, 25 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

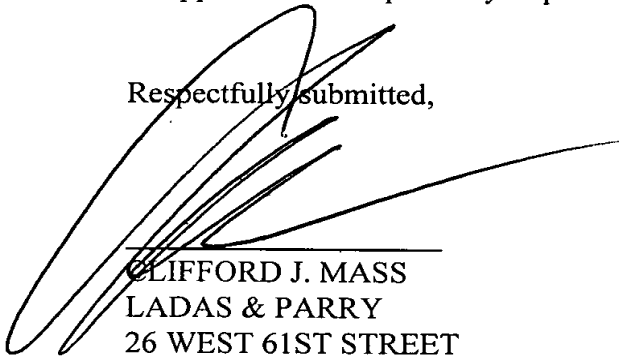
The allowability of claim 3 is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of allowable claim 3 and is therefore deemed allowable. All of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and recite additional patentable matter and are therefore deemed to be allowable. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has also been amended to recite the feature "providing a population of plants derived from interspecific crosses of a green-fruited wild species of the *Lycopersicon* genus (*Lycopersicon* spp.)". Applicant has attached a Rule 132 Declaration to support this amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims are deemed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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